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OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION

Mr. Clement J. Frost Tribal Chairman Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Air Quality Program P.O. Box 737 Ignacio, Colorado 81137

Dear Mr. Frost:

On behalf of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, it is my pleasure to inform you that your project – Southern Ute Indian Tribe Implementation of a Part 70 Operating Permit Program – has been selected for a Clean Air Excellence Award in the Regulatory/Policy Innovations category. From almost 50 applications received, your project was chosen by the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation for its impact, innovation and replicability. I congratulate you and your organization for your dedication to improving our nation's air quality.

The Clean Air Excellence Awards Program recognizes and honors outstanding and innovative efforts to achieve cleaner air. The program was recommended to the EPA by the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee, which advises the EPA on policy issues related to the Clean Air Act.

You are invited to attend the 2016 Clean Air Excellence Awards Ceremony, which will be held on the evening of Tuesday, June 28, 2016, from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC.

Selectees will be responsible for their travel and lodging costs. Hopefully, you have already been contacted by our office regarding your availability to attend the ceremony. If you have any questions, please contact Catrice Jefferson of my staff. She can be reached at (202) 564-1668 or jefferson.catrice@epa.gov.

I send my congratulations again and look forward to seeing you at the ceremony.

Sincerely,

Janet G. McCabe

Acting Assistant Administrator

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